

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 7, 8, 26 and 27 without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter, and please amend the claims as follows. The claims, as currently pending in the application, read as follows.

1. (Currently Amended) A character processing method, comprising the steps of:

a first displaying step of displaying an input screen for inputting a character string on a display, wherein a cursor is displayed on the input screen at a position at which the character string is to be inserted;

a second displaying step of displaying a list including a plurality of registered character strings on [[a]] the display screen when a user enters an instruction to display the list;

a user selecting, from the displayed list, based on a user instruction, a user desired character string from the plurality one of the character strings included in the list displayed in said second displaying step; and

storing the selected character string in a computer-readable memory medium;

pointing a cursor at a position on the display screen at which the selected character string is to be inserted; and

automatically inserting the selected user desired character string stored in the memory medium at the position pointed by of the cursor displayed in said first displaying step when the user desired character string is selected in said selecting step.

wherein the inserted character string is added to image information which is to be sent to a destination.

2. (Currently Amended) A character processing method according to Claim 1, wherein the selection of the user desired character string is achieved by ~~[[an]]~~ the user instruction which designates one of a position in a region of the display screen in which the character strings included in the string to be selected is displayed list.

3. (Currently Amended) A character processing method according to Claim 1, wherein the list including the plurality of character strings is displayed on ~~[[a]]~~ the input screen which includes a soft keyboard ~~display screen~~.

4. (Currently Amended) A character processing method according to Claim 1, wherein the list including the plurality of character strings is displayed in accordance with ~~[[an]]~~ the user instruction given through a soft keyboard of the input display screen.

5. (Currently Amended) A character processing method according to Claim 4, wherein the list including the plurality of character strings is displayed in place of the soft keyboard display of the input screen, in response to said user instruction.

6. (Currently Amended) A character processing method according to Claim 1, wherein said plurality of character strings included in the list have been registered through an operation performed by the user.

7. and 8. (Canceled)

9. (Previously Presented) A character processing method according to Claim 1, wherein the selected character string is input to a display screen which is displayed to enable entry of a character string designating the destination to which the image information is to be sent.

10. (Previously Presented) A character processing method according to Claim 1, wherein the list including the registered character strings is displayed on a display screen which is displayed to enable entry of a character string designating the destination to which the image information is to be sent.

11. (Previously Presented) A character processing method according to Claim 1, wherein the list including the registered character strings is displayed on an operation panel of a copying machine.

12. (Original) A character processing method according to Claim 1, wherein the selected character string is output by means of a printer.

13. (Currently Amended) A character processing method according to Claim 2, wherein said user instruction is given through a touch panel.

14. (Currently Amended) A character processing method according to Claim 2, wherein said user instruction is given through a digitizer.

15. (Currently Amended) A character processing method according to Claim 2, wherein said user instruction is given through a coordinate input device.

16. (Previously Presented) A character processing method according to Claim 1, further comprising the steps of:

selecting a desired character string to be edited from among the displayed list of character strings;

receiving an editorial instruction indicating an editing operation to be effected on the selected character string;

effecting the editing operation on the selected character string in accordance with the editorial instruction; and

updating the registered character strings in accordance with the result of the editing operation.

17. (Original) A character processing method according to Claim 16, wherein said editorial instruction is to add a character.

18. (Original) A character processing method according to Claim 16, wherein said editorial instruction is to delete a character.

19. (Original) A character processing method according to Claim 16, wherein said editorial instruction is input through a displayed soft keyboard.

20. (Currently Amended) A character processing apparatus, comprising:

an input screen display means for displaying an input screen for inputting a character string on a display, wherein a cursor is displayed on the input screen at a position at which the character string is to be inserted;

a list displaying means for displaying a list including a plurality of registered character strings on [[a]] the display screen when a user enters an instruction to display the list;

selecting means for a user to selecting, from the displayed list, based on a user instruction, a user desired character string from the plurality one of the character strings included in the displayed list of the list displaying means; and

computer-readable memory means for storing the selected character string;

pointing means for pointing a cursor at a position on the display screen at which the selected character string is to be inserted; and

inserting means for automatically inserting the selected user desired character string stored in the memory means at the position pointed by of the cursor displayed in by the input screen display means when the user desired character string is selected by the selecting means, wherein the inserted character string is added to image information which is to be sent to a destination.

21. (Currently Amended) A character processing apparatus according to Claim 20, wherein said selecting means selects the user desired character string in accordance with ~~an~~ the user instruction which designates one of a position in a region of the display screen in which the character strings included in the to be selected is displayed list.

22. (Currently Amended) A character processing apparatus according to Claim 20, wherein said list displaying means displays the list including the plurality of character strings on the input screen which includes on a soft keyboard ~~display screen~~.

23. (Currently Amended) A character processing apparatus according to Claim 20, wherein the list including the plurality of character strings is displayed in accordance with ~~[[an]]~~ the user instruction given through a soft keyboard of the input display screen.

24. (Currently Amended) A character processing apparatus according to Claim 23, wherein the list including the plurality of character strings is displayed in place of the soft keyboard ~~display of the input~~ screen, in response to said user instruction.

25. (Currently Amended) A character processing apparatus according to Claim 20, wherein said plurality of character strings included in the list have been registered through an operation performed by the user.

26. and 27. (Canceled)

28. (Previously Presented) A character processing apparatus according to Claim 20, wherein the selected character string is input to a display screen which is displayed to enable entry of a character string designating the destination to which the image information is to be sent.

29. (Previously Presented) A character processing apparatus according to Claim 20, wherein said list displaying means displays the list on a display screen to enable entry of a character string designating the destination to which the image information is to be sent.

30. (Previously Presented) A character processing apparatus according to Claim 20, wherein said list displaying means comprises an operation panel of a copying machine.

31. (Original) A character processing apparatus according to Claim 20, further comprising a printer for outputting the selected character string.

32. (Currently Amended) A character processing apparatus according to Claim 21, further comprising a touch panel through which said user instruction is given.

33. (Currently Amended) A character processing apparatus according to Claim 21, further comprising a digitizer through which said user instruction is given.

34. (Currently Amended) A character processing apparatus according to Claim 21, further comprising a coordinate input device through which said user instruction is given.

35. (Previously Presented) A character processing apparatus according to Claim 20, further comprising:

selecting means for selecting a desired character string to be edited from among the displayed list of character strings;

inputting means for enabling input of an editorial instruction indicating an editing operation to be effected on the selected character string;

editing means for effecting the editing operation on the selected character string in accordance with the editorial instruction; and

updating means for updating the registered character strings in accordance with the result of the editing operation.

36. (Original) A character processing apparatus according to Claim 35, wherein said editorial instruction is to add a character.

37. (Original) A character processing apparatus according to Claim 35, wherein said editorial instruction is to delete a character.

38. (Previously Presented) A character processing apparatus according to Claim 35, wherein said list displaying means further comprises a soft keyboard displaying means for displaying a soft keyboard as a display screen through which said editorial instruction is input.

39. (Previously Presented) A character processing apparatus according to Claim 35, wherein the update performed by said updating means includes addition of a character string to the registered character strings.

40. (Previously Presented) A character processing apparatus according to Claim 35, wherein the update performed by said updating means includes deletion of a character string to the registered character strings.

41. (Previously Presented) A computer-readable storage medium on which are stored program codes for an image processing method, the program codes comprising:

program codes for a first displaying step of displaying an input screen for inputting a character string on a display, wherein a cursor is displayed on the input screen at a position at which the character string is to be inserted;

program codes for a second displaying step of displaying a list including a plurality of registered character strings on [[a]] the display screen when a user enters an instruction to display the list;

program codes for a user to selecting, from the displayed list, based on a user instruction, a user desired character string from the plurality one of the character strings included in the list including displayed in the second displaying step; and

program codes for storing the selected character string in a computer-readable memory medium;

program codes for pointing a cursor at a position on the display screen at which the selected character string is to be inserted; and

program codes for automatically inserting the selected user desired character string stored in the memory medium at the position pointed by of the cursor displayed in said first displaying step when the user desired character string is selected in the selecting step, wherein the inserted character string is added to image information which is to be sent to a destination.

42. (Previously Presented) A computer-readable storage medium according to Claim 41, wherein the program codes further comprise:

program codes for selecting a desired character string to be edited from among the displayed list of character strings;

program codes for receiving an editorial instruction indicating an editing operation to be effected on the selected character string;

program codes for effecting the editing operation on the selected character string in accordance with the editorial instruction; and

program codes for updating the registered character strings in accordance with the result of the editing operation.

43. (Currently Amended) A character processing program stored on a computer readable medium including computer-implemental program codes, comprising:

program codes for a first displaying step of displaying an input screen for inputting a character string on a display, wherein a cursor is displayed on the input screen at a position at which the character string is to be inserted;

program codes for a second displaying step of displaying a list including a plurality of registered character strings on [[a]] the display screen when a user enters an instruction to display the list;

program codes for a user to selecting, from the displayed list, based on a user instruction, a user desired character string from the plurality one of the character strings included in the list displayed in the second displaying step; and

program codes for storing the selected character string in a computer-readable memory medium;

~~program codes for pointing a cursor at a position on the display screen at which the selected character string is to be inserted; and~~

program codes for automatically inserting the selected user desired character string ~~stored in the memory medium~~ at the position ~~pointed by~~ of the cursor displayed in said first displaying step when the user desired character is selected in said selecting step, wherein the inserted character string is added to image information which is to be sent to a destination.